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1. LEFTIST, OFTEN ANTI-U.S. CUMHURIYET, IN A PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE STORY JANUARY 24, REPORTS THAT A CIA AGENT ASSIGNED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AS AN ATTACHE IS LINKED TO THE SPYING CASE CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION AGAINST NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (MIT) OFFICIAL SABAHATTIN SAVASMAN. THE ATTACHE IS IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

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2. THE CUMHURIYET STORY SAYS THAT PHILLIPS LEFT TURKEY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ARREST OF SAVASMAN. IT ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT PHILLIPS AVOIDED ARREST BECAUSE HE CARRIED A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. IT ALSO NOTES THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE EMBASSY INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF HIS DEPARTURE, EVEN THOUGH, ACCORDING TO CUMHURIYET, DIPLOMATIC CUSTOM REQUIRES NOTIFICATION.

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3. WE HAVE SEEN STORY IN NO OTHER NEWSPAPER.

4. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED ON AN IF ASKED BASIS ONLY: "MR. PHILLIPS HAS LEFT TURKEY ON NORMAL TRANSFER."

5. EMBASSY NOTIFIES MFA OF TRANSFERS AFTER DEPARTURE OF INDIVIDUAL. AT THE REQUEST OF MFA WE DO NOT NOTIFY THEM OF INDIVIDUAL DEPARTURES BUT WAIT UNTIL SEVERAL HAVE TAKEN PLACE BEFORE SUBMITTING APPROPRIATE NOTES. NOTE ON PHILLIPS WILL BE FORWARDED THIS WEEK.
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